EDITORIAL NEWS

THE JAPANESE TREATY

Although the new treaty between Japan and the United States has now been ratified, it is a serious question whether it will remain in effect, as is, for the next ten or eleven years—as the terms provide.

Unfortunate as it is, and as reluctant as we are to admit it, the President and his advisers underestimated the situation in Japan, and also probably badly underestimated the reaction in Asia of our confession of spying in the U-2 incident.

In Japan, powerful leaders are already demanding that the treaty, which allows United States air bases to be located in Japan, and which binds Japan and the United States in a military alliance, be renegotiated.

The simple truth, and perhaps the key factor to be kept in mind, is that most Japanese probably tend to be neutral. They are between Russia and the United States, with both countries still owning some of their old Pre-World-War II territory. They are, as a nation, more inclined to favor the United States, but the fact is, if we push them too hard, in an effort to make solid allies of them, they may re-act the opposite way, and renounce an unpopular treaty.

The situation in Japan is serious today, and without question, the Eisenhower Administration has blundered.

We write this now, because we believe it would be a serious mistake to make our foreign policy a matter of partisan politics in a national election. The Roosevelt and the Truman Administrations were most careful to bring in outstanding Republicans to help shape U. S. foreign policy. Senator Vanderberg and Secretaries Knox and others in the Cabinet, and John Foster Dulles in the top ranks of the State Department attested to this patriotic principle of keeping our foreign policy non-partisan. But, the Eisenhower Administration has chosen to "go it alone." We are now paying the price for this short-sightedness. It is more than a mere matter of which party can best direct our national foreign policy. There are able and brilliant leaders in this field in both parties. The principle is that in such a category, no one party should "go it alone."

The Russians have already said they are through with the Eisenhower Administration, and will wait until after our November election for any further negotiations.

Our answer, as a Democratic paper, would be, that if the Democrats win and a Democrat becomes President next January, we should have some key Republicans in the top foreign policy posts, so that the great policies of national unity sought by both Roosevelt and Truman may be restored to our handling of matters of such tremendous importance. It is bad enough to be devided at any level of government, but in our dealings with a great expanding world, we must have a solid front, with the absolute best men in both parties to guide us.

True friendship is based upon service to others, not upon favors received.

The best way to avoid debt is to spend less than you make. It's that simple.

Taxes And Waste

The U. S. Senate recently extended Korean War taxes again, the fifth time since they were instituted in 1954.

In addition to extending these taxes, on Corporation income tax, and Excise taxes on liquor, wine, beer, cigarettes, automobiles, automobile parts and accessories, the Senate added more than half a billion dollars in additional revenue.

In addition to that, the Senate bill also extended the ten per cent levy on local telephone service, telegrams and passenger fares — which was made effective during World War II. This was done by the Senate, even though the Senate Finance Committee had suggested that these World War II taxes be allowed to die on June 30th.

The point of this elitorial is to show that wartime taxes are seldom repealed. The constant pressure on the legislators calling for more and more money, make it very difficult to get an emergency tax off the book. Many legislators, especially such fiscal experts in the Senate as Virginia's Senator Harry F. Byrd, are dismayed at the trend toward deficit financing and ever-increasing government costs. Yet, they are on solid ground in trying to raise the income to meet the outgo in the federal system. It would seem that an immediate would be to press for elimination of waste and unnecessary expenditure, and such men as Senator Byrd need our support in the constant effort they are making in this direction.

THE LIGHTNING SEASON

The National Safety Council recently warned that hardly anyone is concerned over the danger from lightning any longer.

The fact that four people are killed each week by lightning, and more than this in the summer (the average is about four per week for the year), and some thirty injured each week in the United States alone, shows we should take proper precautions and have greater respect for the power of lightning.

One statistician recently figured out that during the April-October lightning season, the average person could expect forty to eighty lightning bolts to strike within half a mile of his house. The same statistician claims that more than one-third of all fires in rural areas are caused by electrical discharges such as lightning.

In general, there is one simple rule to avoid the primary danger of being struck by lightning. Never let yourself become the high object in the area, or be caught on the highest object in the area, as a thunderstorm approaches.

The safest places to be, in a lightning storm, are in protected homes, steel-framed buildings, or in an autmobile with the windows closed. If you are out in the open, get into a low place, such as a ravine, under a cliff, or maybe in a ditch or cave. If you cannot do that, lie flat on the ground.

And, as a final note, remember that television antennas do not keep your home safe. Actually, the antennas are often an open invitation to lightning, and many sets are struck each year and persons by them are sometimes killed or injured.

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Social Justice

Lesson for July 10, 1960

THE CHRISTIAN religion is said to be a religion of love, and so it is. It is love that makes it beautiful and gives it meaning. But just as the beauty and meaning of literature is built on the humble foundation of the alphabet, just as the beauty and the security of a house go down to the unseen foundations, so love itself is a stammering weak thing if it is not built on the foundation of justice. Love without justice is sloppy sentimentality, it is double-talk, it is drivel.

Dr. Foreman

Social Justice

God's prophets, whose writings are part of the Christian Bible, were interested in social justice. They were interested because God was interested. People who think that social justice is no affair of religion at all, either haven't read the prophets, or really don't believe them. Let us get straight what "social justice" is. It has nothing to do with socialism, or with social affairs as written up for the society pages. It is different from political or legal justice. (These two, of course, should also be a concern of Christians.) An example of political justice would be giving major parties equal time on the radio and TV. An example of legal justice would be getting paid a fair price for land the government has taken for a highway.

Social justice is broader and more basic than that. In a word, it means fair treatment all around. It does not mean treating everybody exactly alike, because people's needs are not always the same. But it does mean giving everybody a "fair shake," an honest deal; it means not handicapping people for "reasons" that make no difference. It means giving every one a chance to develop all he's got.

In the time of the prohpet Amos, the people who needed social justice and were not getting it were the poor. He speaks of them, and of the Israelites' mistreatment of them, over and over. They were cheated out of justice in the courts because they could not afford to offer the handsome bribes that richer people gave. They were cheated in the marketplace because the merchants used dishonest weights and measures. They had no one to speak for them—no one but the God who spoke through his prophets.

Social justice now also is often needed by the poor. Discrimination —a fancy word for unfairness—is practiced also against racial groups—Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Chinese and others. But the poor, of all races, always need help. For example, housing projects are not a way of wasting the taxpayers' money. They are a way of helping people live in humanly decent surroundings. There is a city which is the capital of one of the states of the Union. In it there is a slum that can be seen by any visitor to town. The city has had a slum clearance authorized now for some years; but they are doing little about it. Why? It is against the law to move a family out of the most rotten tenement except into a better house. But most of the people who live in that particular slum can't afford to move. So there they sit.

Backlash of Injustice

Amos told his people that unless they paid more attention to the welfare of the bottom layers of society, the whole country would not only suffer—it would be destroyed. Social injustice is always self-destructive. Consider only one modern example. Here in America we need educated leadership—scientists, thinkers, men of trained minds and skills. One of the reasons we do not get enough of them is that (as studies have demonstrated) many capable young people do not have the money for an education. Some who have the capacity never show it, for the simple reason that their homework in high schools has to be done in crowded, leaky, insanitary "homes" where you could hardly raise a prize pig, let alone a prize boy. Every time we in America, for reasons of poverty, or race or any other reason, deny a good education to young people who could take it, we are weakening our country by just that much.

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Britain launches guided-missiles destroyer.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Salt Water Bill

The Senate Interior Committee has approved a bill to step up the Government's program to make salt water potable. It would authorize an additional $20,000,000 appropriation, extend the program from 1963 to 1970 and provide for cooperation with states and interested agencies.

Herter's Wish

Secretary of State Herter and a friend were talking about a public opinion poll recently.

The friend told Herter the poll showed that 4 per cent of those questioned never had heard of the U-2 spy plane incident.

"I wish I were among that 4 per cent," Herter said.

Dirksen Loses Fight

Senate Republican leader Dirksen recently fought a bitter battle against bills to raise Federal workers' pay and to increase medical research funds. He lost in both cases.

About The Home

It is very important to know the time and method of cutting summer flowers, to get the full beauty of cut blooms.

Practically all flowers should be cut in early morning while wet with dew. At this time the petals and stems are filled with moisture —thus the flowers are at their maximum freshness.

The length of time flowers keep their freshness depends largely on keeping their water-absorbing capacity at its height. When this capacity declines, the flower wilts.

There are a number of tricks that will help in this respect. Cut flower stems tend to heal over and close the moisture tubes, so it is a good idea to shorten the stems a half inch every day.

This doesn't apply to flowers like poinsettias and oriental poppies, whose stems should be seared or boiled for two minutes to keep in the juices. Strip the leaves from the part of the stem that is to be submerged for flowers like dahlias, zinnias, and marigolds. Crush the stems of chrysanthemums and break off the thorns on the lower part of rose stems to increase water absorption.

The life of cut flowers can also be prolonged by changing the water and washing the vase each day, thus keeping down the bacteria.

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County Line

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... not forget the revival, ... will begin next Sunday night.

... of the members of Cen... to clean up the church ... on Friday afternoon. ... lend a helping hand.

... Bible School closed Friday ... average attendance of 42.

... farmers in this section have ... threshing wheat.

... Cyrus has returned from ... and is improving at ...

... and Monday visitors of ... Mrs. Jesse Jones were Mr. ... Fred Jones and children, ... Mrs. Bill Painter, Mrs. ... Beasley and children, of ...

... and Mrs. Mike Johnson have ... guests their daughter, Bar... husband, of Philadelphia,

... and Mrs. Jack Jones, of ... spent Saturday after... night with Mr. and Mrs. ... Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Ver... Jones.

... Myers, of Newport News al... to see Vernie Jones Sun... M.

...garet Moore, who had her ... removed, is getting along ... Those visiting her were Mrs. ... Ferguson, Mrs. Richard ... Mrs. Vernie Jones, and Peg...

... Nash is spending this week ... Mrs. Arthur Mullin.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, July 5.- Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Jones, of Lynchburg, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson.

Mrs. Hunter Jamerson is improving slowly at her home here. Those who called to see her recently were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman, of Liberty Chapel, Mrs. J. A. Gilley, Mrs. Gladys Reynolds, Miss Terisia Smith, all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin, Mrs. Bobby Ferguson and daughter, Dianna, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs A. J. Zastrow, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin, Mrs. Mary Collins, Mrs. Ella Collins, Mrs. George Carson, Mrs. Elliott Carson, Mrs. Mildred Wooten and Mrs. Johnnie Cyrus.

Miss Lindy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, Jr., of Dillwyn spent a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N L. Ferguson and family. Miss Dolly Lee Ferguson accompanied her home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Allen and family, of Norfolk called to see Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Martin and family, who have been vacationing at Virginia Beach, have returned home.

Mr. George Almond, of Lynchburg visited his father, Mr. A. C. Almond Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McFadden and daughter, Patsy spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. DeGrange, of Falls Church, Va.

Mr. Kenneth Jamerson, who is attending summer camp at Fort Bragg, N. C., spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. Hal Baber, of Newport News visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, Sr. Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilley, of Appomattox called to see Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ferguson on Sunday evening.

Mr. Ernest Layne was honored at his home Sunday evening with a birthday supper, given by his children.

Mr. and Mrs. William Layne and son have moved into their new home.

Mrs. N. L. Ferguson, Mrs. J. D. Martin, Sr., and Miss June Martin were visiting in Lynchburg Saturday.

Hixburg

Hixburg, July 5.- Musicians from other churches will join in the community song service when the revival at the Walker's Presbyterian Church begins on Sunday evening, July 10, at 8:00 o'clock.

The guest speaker, the Rev. Donald Carson, will preach at the morning service at his church, the First Presbyterian Church, in Sanford, N. C., and then will motor to Hixburg.

Miss Paul Cave, of Farmville, will be soloist on Monday and Friday evenings.

There will be a prayer service at Mr. DeWitt Goin's on Friday evening at 7:30.

Snaps are plentiful. Mrs. Agee Glover, Sr. and Jr. put up 75 quarts on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Bob Covington, one of the best gardeners in this neighborhood, has, besides snaps, squash, potatoes, tomatoes and corn.

Mr. Frank Gilliam, who was reared in this vicinity, has been successful in business in Roanoke. On July 4, he had a picnic at his nice country home, which has a swimming pool and other attractive features.

His special guests were Mrs. Boyd Ford, Mrs. Morton Marshall, and Mrs. Lillian Gilliam, all former Hixburgers.

Commander and Mrs. Patrick Lair had her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Alley, and her brother, Mr. Edwin Alley, of Norfolk, as guests over the week-end and the Fourth.

Mr. Patrick Lair, Jr., is taking two weeks' Marine Reserve training at Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Mrs. Logan Ligon underwent foot surgery at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond last week.

Miss Maggie Hix was pleased to have many recent callers. They were Mrs. Margaret Hix Traynor, Buddy and Betty, of Wise; Pete Sacks, of Silver Springs, Maryland and Mrs. Cook Hix, of Prospect. Also Mrs. Agee Glover Sr. and Jr., Mr. Harry Gilliam, of Lynchburg; Mr. Ed McPhillips, Mrs. Otis Gilliam, and son, Otis, of Roanoke (Mrs. Mae Clealand, of Richmond, and Dr. Twyman Williams, of Appomattox, called.

Pamplin

Pamplin, July 5.- Mrs. W. B. Ford and Mrs. H. M. Marshall are spending this week with Mrs. Otis Gilliam, of Roanoke.

Miss Charlotte Hart, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucado and children, of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey and children, of Wyoming, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ligon.

Week-end guests in the home of Mrs. H. T Terry were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wingfield, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Terry, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mathews and sons, of Washington, D. C. were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardson.

Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and daughter, Billy Star, visited relatives in Norfolk last week-end.

Week-end guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart were Mrs. J. A. Mosley and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Powell, of Richmond.

Tommy Ligon, of Maryland, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. W. S. Wayne of Phenix, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis.

Miss Dorothy Richardson, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, and daughter, Betty, of Farmville visited relatives here Sunday.

Looking Ahead

Gramps was getting married again. Asked why he was marrying a cute chorus girl instead of a woman more his age, he said: "Well son, ain't it a heap nicer smellin' perfume than liniment?"

Desirable

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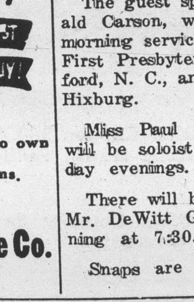
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